

Milk Unions and Dairy Federations.

- v) The Dairy Federations and District Milk Unions to have employees answerable to the elected boards instead of Government deputationists.

(e) The Government has taken note of the suggestions.

Regionalisation of Central Water Commission

4645. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to effect regionalisation in the functioning and formations of the Central Water Commission by setting up some regional offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) the proposed powers and functions of the regional offices; and

(e) the extent to which this regionalisation is likely to resolve inter-State water disputes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (c). It has been decided to effect regionalisation in the functioning and formations of Central Water Commission by setting up six regional offices each at New Delhi, Patna, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Shillong and Vadodara. Further regionalisation is linked up with cadre review of Central Water Engineering (Group-A) Service which is under processing.

(b) and (d). The decentralisation envisages:

- i) effective coordination between project authorities and Central Water Commission for speedy solution to the problems of project authorities;
- ii) effective and speedy monitoring and appraisal of medium irrigation projects under construction;
- iii) better coordination in data collection from field units and State Government agencies; and
- iv) better local coordination and liaison with other offices in the field of water resources development and irrigation management etc.

The Regional Offices are part and parcel of Central Water Commission and they will be functioning within the existing frame work.

(e) Inter-State Water disputes are not within the purview of the Regional Offices.

Use of Explosive Materials in Quarries and Mines in Orissa

4646. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether explosive materials without proper licence are being used in some quarries and mines in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?